



# Mesa's Salute to America

Governor Jan Brewer  
Saturday, July 3, 2010

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of "Arizona's Celebration of Freedom."

And what better way to begin than with "God Bless America" – and then, of course, the National Anthem.

We sing the Anthem so often, how many of us realize that the first stanza actually ends with a question?

It asks, "Does our flag STILL wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

We are here this evening, in this Salute to America, because that glorious Star Spangled banner does, indeed, still wave over us.

It still waves because American service men and women all over the world this evening, are keeping us safe.

They stand on walls, they patrol the skies and seas, in far away places where danger lives.

They proudly wear the uniform of the United States of America, and they say to all of us, "you and your families are safe this evening, because we stand on guard, our watch is secure, and so are your liberties."

Let us keep them – every one of them – in our prayers, and we wish them Godspeed as His hands guide them safely home ... to the land of the free ... and the home of the brave.

God bless you and your families, God bless Arizona, and God bless the United States of America.